

DUBLIN/DARLINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

March 21, 2012 (draft) Conowingo Visitor Center

Members Present: Rich Norling, Chair
Jane Howe, Secretary
Lilma Huntley
Jim Murphy
Joni Nugent
Alan Thompson
Shirley Thompson
Stephen Smith

Guests: Ed Andrews
Billy Boniface
Marissa Gallo
Janet Gleisner
Bob Riley
John Sauers
Chad Shrodes
Capt. Keith Warner

Rich Norling called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Review of Minutes: Shirley Thompson made a motion to approve the February 15, 2012 minutes. Stephen Smith seconded. Passed.

Guest Presentation: Ed Andrews, candidate for Circuit Court, gave his credentials and asked for a vote in the upcoming election.

Guest Presentation: Janet Gleisner remarked how good it was to see everyone. She noted that transportation in Harford County is a huge issue and the Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan is an attempt at a multi modal approach to the greater Master Plan. Looking at Healthy Harford “snap shots” on health statistics, she warned that Harford County has gone above State levels in obesity, heart disease, and cancer rates. The Obesity Task Force advocates a Core Plan of education, enforcement, engineering and enhancement. The advisory group is made up of representatives from DPW, BoE, Transportation, Health, Sustainability, bicycle clubs and pedestrian advocates. An Open House is scheduled for Wednesday, March 28 from 5-8pm at the County building, 220 S. Main in Bel Air for community input. In the discussion that followed, Darlington area narrow rural roads and the lack of shoulder space present a challenge to bike and foot traffic. Roads have separate uses, transportation and recreational. Route 1 is a designated bike path, but there is no way to cross the Susquehanna River. A suggestion was made to select Route 1 as a pilot project. Other talk focused on the crosswalk to nowhere at Darlington ES, number of accidents on trails, easements and funding for new recreational paths. Janet can be reached at 410-638-3230. For more information visit the website at www.harfordcountymd.gov/planningzoning.

Sheriff's Representative: Capt. Keith Warner reported that there has been an increase in crime in the summer cabin areas of Broad Creek. It's a hard crime to solve because of the amount of time that elapses before the crime is discovered/reported. There will be a drug take back day on April 28. He said that many burglars are looking for drugs. But they take jewelry and other items to sell for drug money. LOCK up windows, doors, garages and cars. The Sheriff's Office provides a free home security survey upon request. The new Southern Precinct building will be dedicated on March 31 with an open house on Saturday and Sunday, March 31/April 1, from 10am to 6pm.

County Council President, Billy Boniface: Billy reported that County Council passed the Master Plan. The budget process is next. He has been in constant contact with Barry Glassman, State Legislative Session 2012, regarding funding for education, pension funding and how language in the septic bill may affect rural zoning. He is working on a Comprehensive Capital Plan to level the playing field and prioritize projects for when funding becomes available.

County Councilman, District D, Chad Shrodes – Chad commented that the Master Plan now has a “sense of place” included in recommendations for design standards in not only rural areas, but nautical, high tech and other neighborhood types. It gives Planning and Zoning some sense of direction on architectural building designs. Discussion followed about all the work that was previously done to annotate data for Village Design Standards which were never incorporated into a plan.

New Business: Rich Norling has contacted our elected State officials about the April 25 Town Meeting. Center for the Arts and Sheriff's Office will also be on the agenda.

Good of the Council:

- ~ Arbor Day is April 6 with a tree planting at Scarboro Landfill.
- ~ Walk a Mile in Her Shoes – April 14 at the Armory in Bel Air.

Adjournment: Joni Nugent made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Shirley Thompson. Passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:58PM.

Next Meeting: April 25, 2012, 7PM at the DVFC, Open Town Meeting
Respectfully submitted, Jane Howe